

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-13 **(Cancelled)**

14. **(New)** A speaker arrangement comprising:

a speaker including a speaker diaphragm, and a speaker frame arrangement fixed to said speaker diaphragm about an outer periphery thereof so that said speaker diaphragm spans across an opening in said speaker frame arrangement, a fixing portion of said diaphragm being defined by a boundary at which said diaphragm meets a periphery of said opening of said frame arrangement; and

a speaker grille supported by said speaker frame arrangement, said speaker grille having a sound opening therein;

wherein said speaker diaphragm includes a diaphragm center and a diaphragm edge portion and is fixed to said speaker frame arrangement in such a manner as to define a diaphragm vibration plane having a shape that is one of circular and oval;

wherein said speaker grille includes a blocking portion including a center blocking portion arranged so as to oppose said diaphragm center of said diaphragm;

wherein said sound opening includes an opening portion that is disposed so as to oppose a region of said diaphragm between said fixing portion and said diaphragm edge portion thereof; and

wherein an effective open area provided by said sound opening of said speaker grille is at least 31% and less than 60% of an area of said diaphragm.

15. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 14, wherein

said opening portion of said sound opening is disposed so as to oppose an outer circumference of said diaphragm edge portion.

16. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 14, wherein

said sound opening includes an outer boundary that is arc-shaped and parallel with said fixing portion.

17. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 14, wherein
said sound opening is one of a plurality of sound openings of said speaker grille; and
said blocking portion comprises reinforcement ribs separating said sound openings.
18. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 17, wherein
said reinforcement ribs of said blocking portion extend outwardly from said center
blocking portion of said blocking portion.
19. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 17, wherein
said reinforcement ribs of said blocking portion extend radially outwardly from said
center blocking portion of said blocking portion.
20. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 17, wherein
each of said sound openings is an elongated sound opening; and
said elongated sound openings are disposed so as to extend circumferentially inside of an
outer circumference of said diaphragm.
21. **(New)** A speaker arrangement comprising:
a speaker including a speaker diaphragm, and a speaker frame arrangement fixed to said
speaker diaphragm about an outer periphery thereof so that said speaker diaphragm spans across
an opening in said speaker frame arrangement, a fixing portion of said diaphragm being defined
by a boundary at which said diaphragm meets a periphery of said opening of said frame
arrangement; and
a speaker grille supported by said speaker frame arrangement, said speaker grille having a
sound opening therein;

wherein said speaker diaphragm includes a diaphragm center and a diaphragm edge portion and is fixed to said speaker frame arrangement in such a manner as to define a diaphragm vibration plane having a shape that is oblong and rounded;

wherein said speaker grille includes a blocking portion including a center blocking portion arranged so as to oppose said diaphragm center of said diaphragm;

wherein said sound opening includes an opening portion that is disposed so as to oppose a region of said diaphragm between said fixing portion and said diaphragm edge portion thereof; and

wherein an effective open area provided by said sound opening of said speaker grille is at least 22% and less than 60% of an area of said diaphragm.

22. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 21, wherein the effective open area provided by said sound opening of said speaker grille is at least 48% and less than 60% of an area of said diaphragm.

23. **(New)** A speaker arrangement comprising:

a speaker including a speaker diaphragm, and a speaker frame arrangement fixed to said speaker diaphragm about an outer periphery thereof so that said speaker diaphragm spans across an opening in said speaker frame arrangement, a fixing portion of said diaphragm being defined by a boundary at which said diaphragm meets a periphery of said opening of said frame arrangement; and

a speaker grille supported by said speaker frame arrangement, said speaker grille having a plurality of sound openings therein;

wherein said speaker diaphragm includes a diaphragm center and a diaphragm edge portion and is fixed to said speaker frame arrangement in such a manner as to define a diaphragm vibration plane having a shape that is rounded and oblong so as to have a minor axis, a major axis, shorter sides in the direction of the minor axis, and longer sides in the direction of the major axis;

wherein said speaker grille includes a blocking portion including a center blocking portion arranged so as to oppose said diaphragm center of said diaphragm;

wherein said sound openings each include an opening portion that is disposed so as to oppose a region of said diaphragm between said fixing portion and said diaphragm edge portion thereof; and

wherein said blocking portion includes ribs separating said sound openings and extending in the direction of said minor axis of said vibration plane.

24. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 23, wherein
said reinforcement ribs of said blocking portion extend outwardly from said center blocking portion of said blocking portion.

25. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 24, wherein
said center blocking portion is elongated along the direction of said major axis of said vibration plane.

26. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 23, wherein
said center blocking portion is elongated along the direction of said major axis of said vibration plane.

27. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 23, further comprising
a magnet provided on a surface of said blocking portion opposing said diaphragm.

28. **(New)** A speaker arrangement comprising:
a speaker including a speaker diaphragm, and a speaker frame arrangement fixed to said speaker diaphragm about an outer periphery thereof so that said speaker diaphragm spans across an opening in said speaker frame arrangement, a fixing portion of said diaphragm being defined

by a boundary at which said diaphragm meets a periphery of said opening of said frame arrangement; and

a speaker grille supported by said speaker frame arrangement, said speaker grille having two sound openings therein;

wherein said speaker diaphragm includes a diaphragm center and a diaphragm edge portion and is fixed to said speaker frame arrangement in such a manner as to define a diaphragm vibration plane having a shape that is rounded and oblong so as to have a minor axis, a major axis, shorter sides in the direction of the minor axis, and longer sides in the direction of the major axis;

wherein said speaker grille includes a blocking portion including a center blocking portion arranged so as to oppose said diaphragm center of said diaphragm;

wherein each of said sound openings includes an opening portion that is disposed so as to oppose a region of said diaphragm between said fixing portion and said diaphragm edge portion thereof; and

wherein said center blocking portion of said blocking portion constitutes a first rib extending in the direction of said major axis of said vibration plane so as to separate said two sound openings in a direction of said minor axis of said vibration plane.

29. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 28, wherein

said blocking portion further includes second ribs extending in the direction of said minor axis of said vibration plane; and

said two sound openings each comprise plural sound opening portions separated by said second ribs.

30. **(New)** The speaker arrangement of claim 28, further comprising

a magnet provided on a surface of said first rib of said blocking portion so as to oppose said diaphragm.